

July 7, 2011

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

Committee Members Present: Susan Boswell w/student intern, Patrick Smith, Dr. Carl Heard (via phone), Suzanne Dessaints, Dr. Esther Langston, Taurus Duncan, Ylonda Dickerson,

Facilitator: Sherri LeMond

Clark County Staff Attending: Tim Burch, Bobby Gordon and Janet Brown

I. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 11:46 a.m. by Chair: Sherri LeMond

II. Approval of May 5, 2011 Meeting Summary: Approved

III. Announcements from Members/Social Service Staff

- Tim: New open meeting law. Public comment should be offered before and after meeting.
- Sherri: As no public comment was given we move on to announcements.
- Susan Boswell: I emailed Carol Whitman information for the upcoming Nevada Energy is hosting the Senior Energy Assistance Expo at Cashman field on Saturday, August 13th. Flyers were distributed during meeting. Parking coupons were also provided. The expo will help provide assistance to our seniors 62 and older plus other essential services, such as weatherization. Other agencies will be there as well to help with expo such as sign language interpreters; food bank, welfare office will be providing their services as well. Last year we had over 3,000 people. Third party notification can receive information regarding someone's status with electric bill so that alerts 3rd party to help their neighbor as a safety net.
- Tim: Is Public Guardian aware of 3rd party notification- Sherri will distribute information to the PA/PG.
- Bobby: Follow up from last meeting. For the group forum we put together a brief informational packet Care Options Available in Nevada. Sue Rhodes would be able to help the group facilitate and put recommendations together. Janet Brown will email this information to all the members. Tim: We will add this as a standing agenda item going forward: Subcommittee updates. Let this group become self-governing.

IV. Legislative Update

Tim: Looked like we were on one course but things worked out in our favor. I will explain more in our budget update. I have a handout regarding the Legislative bills that were passed and are in effect as of July 1, 2011 and Janet will email this pdf handout to all members. Some changes to note: Attorney Generals office will now be in charge of investigation Medicaid fraud. Also, the open meeting law we have discussed earlier. The Social Service laws, SB485 has gone into effect which allows the Director of Health and Human Services on annual basis to set threshold which counties shall participate in the Medicaid

match program. Right now we pay 156%-300% daily SSI domiciliary rate. We put in what the State's 50% would be and Federal system puts in the other 50%. Medicaid match keeps us and the State from having to pay the full care of someone who is on long term care. The State had always covered anything from 155%-100%, this last session they moved the rate back down to 132% in year 1 which will cost us \$3.9 million more and then 124% in year 2 \$5.5 million that year. The original proposal would have been a \$24 million dollar impact and we were discussing closing some offices. The county match, program which all the counties participate in, it's all in or all out county agreements with the state. If one county doesn't agree the whole system falls apart. Trying to change contract language any change to what our burden is contract voids and we have to renegotiate. There could be a significant impact in the future for people who need long term care.

V. Budget Update

- Presentation provided by Tim re: Budget Impacts
- Bobby: Update on one slide Medicaid rates are 142% year one and 132% year two.

VI. Public Input

- None received.

VIII. Adjournment:

- The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for September 1, 2011, 11:30 a.m. at the Clark County Social Service office, 1600 Pinto Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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